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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 6160778 A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.) 12 Dec 2000. See abstract and claim 1.	1, 10, 14, 17
A	US 6292445 B1 (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.) 18 Sep. 2001 See abstract and Claims 1-9.	1, 10, 14, 17
A	US 2001-0026511 A1 (Hiroshi Ueda et al.) 04 Oct. 2001 See abstract and claims 1.	1, 10, 14, 17
P, A	US 805978 A (Hiroshi Ueda et al.) 22 MAR 2004. See abstract and claim 1-2.	1, 10, 14, 17

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